

I have heard that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air a political documentary days before the presidential election. If this information is correct, then I am concerned that this decision may be an attempt to exert undue influence on the democratic process.

My understanding is that Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. If this is the case, then I fail to see how their directing their companies to air potentially slanted allegations so close to an election serves this cause. Rather, this decision seems to be designed to further a political agenda (I would feel the same way if they were airing a documentary involving any other candidate). The community is best served by all broadcasting companies providing good, objective, balanced coverage of issues affecting the communities that they serve.

If our country has reached the state where such a thing is possible, something needs to be done on a regulatory level to prevent such consolidation of power in the hands of media companies. I do hope that you will act to rectify this situation.

Thank you,

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